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**The Navy Citing
Soviet Strength**

The Ford Administration has asked Congress for extra funds for a shipbuilding program that it says is necessary to prevent the Soviet Union from achieving naval superiority over the United States. But questions have been raised in Congress about the accuracy of the Administration's estimates of Soviet naval strength and about the kind of ships that the United States Navy ought to build.

The Administration presented the Senate Armed Services Committee last week with a revised shipbuilding proposal for fiscal 1977, asking for \$1.2 billion more than the \$6.3 billion that was initially requested in January. The added funds were necessary, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said, to match expanding Soviet naval construction.

To support its appropriation request, the Administration had provided Congress with statistics showing that the Soviet Union now possesses a fleet with 20 percent more "major surface combatants" than the United States. However, Senator Patrick J. Leahy, a Vermont Democrat obtained from the Pentagon previously classified data which he says indicates that many of these ships are relatively insignificant escort craft.

Despite these differences in estimating Soviet strength, the Congressional Armed Services Committees do not seem averse to giving the Pentagon more funds for shipbuilding. There is a disagreement, however, between the House Armed Services Committee and the Administration about what to do with the funds.

**Domestic Spying
Is Barred by Bush**

HOUSTON, May 8 (AP)—George Bush the director of Central Intelligence, says the intelligence agency is not in the domestic surveillance business and says he is "determined to see that we don't get into that business."

Mr. Bush said at a news conference yesterday that there had been some proved allegations of surveillance of Americans in the past, but it was not happening now.

"We do have some [current] domestic operations," he said, "but they are very open. People come back from business trips are debriefed and I hope they will continue to cooperate with the C.I.A."

He added: "I believe the abuses of the past are indeed in the past. I think the American people support the concept of a strong Central Intelligence Agency, and if they don't, they'd better because we are living in an extremely troubled world."